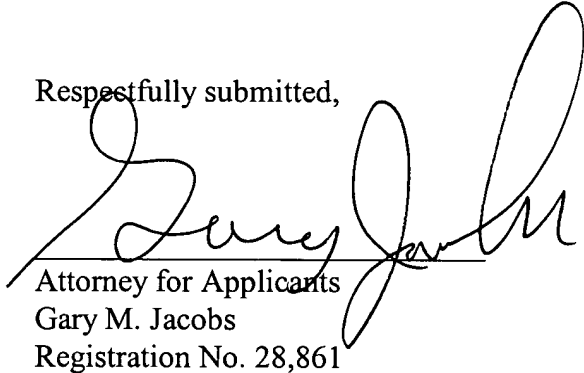


Remarks

Claims 1-17, the specification, and the Abstract have been amended solely to correct minor and typographical errors therein. As a result, this amendment is needed for proper protection and disclosure of the invention and would require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Accordingly, this amendment satisfies the criteria for entry of MPEP §714.16 and such entry is respectfully solicited.

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